

The Honorable Jon Tester
United State Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Tester:

Thank you for your letter of January 8, 2015, in which you urged EPA and Governor Bullock to add the Anaconda Aluminum Co Columbia Falls Reduction Plant site in Columbia Falls, Montana, to the Superfund National Priorities List (NPL). You expressed your concern about the community, the proximity to Glacier National Park and the dangers posed by the cyanide and minerals leaching into the ground water.

On February 17, 2015, EPA received a letter of support for placing this site on the NPL from Governor Bullock who shares your concerns about long-term risks to the community and Montana's environment. EPA has been evaluating the Anaconda Aluminum Co Columbia Falls Reduction Plant for inclusion on the NPL and expects to propose the site for NPL addition in March 2015. We plan to work with the State of Montana throughout the process of assessing and addressing the contamination, and with the communities surrounding the site to understand and address their concerns.

Again, thank you for your letter. If you have further questions, please contact me or your staff may contact Raquel Snyder, in EPA's Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations, at (202) 564-9586.

Sincerely,

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